



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6715

LCO No. 3267

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE INTENTIONAL
INJURY OR KILLING OF POLICE ANIMALS OR DOGS IN VOLUNTEER
CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 53-247 of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

4 (d) Any person who intentionally injures any animal while such
5 animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a
6 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, or intentionally injures a dog
7 that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as
8 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its
9 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such
10 team, shall be guilty of a class [D] C felony.

11 (e) Any person who intentionally kills any animal while such
12 animal is in the performance of its duties under the supervision of a
13 peace officer, as defined in section 53a-3, or intentionally kills a dog
14 that is a member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as

15 defined in section 5-249, while such dog is in the performance of its
16 duties under the supervision of the active individual member of such
17 team, shall be [fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned
18 not more than ten years, or both] guilty of a class B felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	53-247(d) and (e)
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